Baby Comforts

BEAR BLANKET BUDDY

Sweet shells and lacy V-stitches give light, airy style to this pretty pastel blanket. As an added delight for Baby, weave ribbon through the last row of the blanket and tie into a bow around a cuddly teddy bear!

DESIGN BY DARLA SIMS

BABY COMFORTS

SKILL LEVEL

FINISHED SIZE

38 x 38 inches

MATERIALS

• Red Heart Baby Econo medium (worsted) weight yarn (solids: 7 oz/675 yds/198g; prints: 6 oz/460 yds/170g per skein):
2 skeins #0001 white
1 skein each #1046 carousel print and #1680 pastel green
• Sizes G/6/4mm and H/8/5mm crochet hooks or sizes needed to obtain gauge

GAUGE

Size G hook: 3 V-sts = 3 inches

Size H hook: [Shell, ch 3] twice = 4 inches; rows 1–5 = 2½ inches

PATTERN NOTES

All rows are worked with right side facing. Do not turn at end of rows. Fasten off at end of each row.

Chain-3 at beginning of row or round counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated. Join with slip stitch as indicated unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Shell: 5 dc as indicated in instructions.

V-stitch (V-st): (Dc, ch 1, dc) as indicated in instructions.

BLANKET

Row 1 (RS): With size H hook and carousel print, ch 112, 2 dc in 4th ch from hook *(first 3 chs count as first dc)*, *sk next 5 chs, **shell** *(see Special Stitches)* in next ch, ch 3, rep from * 18 times, sk next 5 chs, 3 dc in last ch, **do not turn** *(see Pattern Notes)*. Fasten off. *(18 shells)*

Row 2: Join white with sc in top of beg ch-3, *ch 2, dc in 2nd sk ch of sk ch-5 sp below, ch 1, dc in 4th sk ch of same ch-5 sp, ch 2, sc in 3rd dc of next shell, rep from * 18 times, ch 2, sc in top of last dc. Fasten off.

Row 3: Join pastel green with sc in first sc of row 2, ch 3, *shell in next ch-1 sp, ch 3, rep from * 18 times, ch 3, shell in next ch-1 sp, ch 3, sc in last dc. Fasten off.

Row 4: Join *(see Pattern Notes)* white in top of first sc of previous row, **ch 3** *(see Pattern Notes)*, dc in next ch-1 sp, *ch 2, sc in 3rd dc of next shell, ch 2, sc over both ch lengths below to right of sc between ch lengths below, ch 1, sc over both ch lengths below to left of same sc, rep from * 18 times, ch 2, sc in 3rd dc of last shell, ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in last st. Fasten off.

Row 5: Join carousel print in sp between last dc and ending turning ch from previous row, ch 3, 2 dc in same sp, *ch 3, shell in next ch-1 sp, rep from * 18 times, ch 2, sc in top of last dc. Fasten off.

Next rows: Rep rows 2–5 consecutively until Blanket measures approximately 35 inches, ending with row 2 or row 4. At end of last row, fasten off.

Border

Rnd 1 (RS): With size G hook, join white with sc in first st of last row of Blanket, sc in same st as first sc, *evenly sp 109 sc across to next corner, 3 sc in corner st, evenly sp 110 sc across to next corner**, 3 sc in next corner, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, sc in same st as beg 2-sc group, join in beg sc. **Do not fasten off.**

Rnd 2: Ch 4 *(counts as first dc, ch-1)*, dc in same st as beg ch-4, *sk next 2 sc, **V-st** *(see Special Stitches)* in next sc, rep from * around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-4.

Rnd 3: Sl st in ch-1 sp of same V-st, ch 3, (ch 1, dc) 4 times in same ch-1 sp, [dc in next ch-1 sp of next V-st, (ch 1, dc) 4 times in same ch-1 sp of V-st] around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off.

Finishing

Cut ends of ribbon on diagonal. Weave ribbon through gaps between sts of last row of Blanket. Draw ribbon to fit around bear's underarms meeting at center front. Tie tightly and knot ends, tie ends in a bow. **C!**

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BABY COMFORTS

DAISY PATCH

This sweet, daisy-adorned baby blanket makes a special, one-of-a-kind gift for a new mom or for wrapping up your own precious little one.

DESIGN BY CAROL ALEXANDER

SKILL LEVEL

INTERMEDIATE

FINISHED SIZES

34 x 41 inches

MATERIALS

• Super fine (baby/fingering) weight acrylic yarn (2 oz/225 yds/50g per skein):
9 skeins white
3 skeins green
1 skein yellow
• Size E/4/3.5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
• Tapestry needle

GAUGE

Rnds 1–3 of square (daisy) = 2½ inches across

Completed square = 6½ inches

Take time to check gauge.

PATTERN NOTES

Join with a slip stitch as indicated unless otherwise stated.

Chain-2 at beginning of round counts as first half double crochet unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

3-double crochet cluster (3-dc cl): Holding back last lp of each dc on hook, 3 dc as indicated in instructions, yo, pull through all lps on hook.

Beginning treble crochet cluster (beg tr cl): Ch 4 *(counts as first tr)*, keeping last lp of each st on hook, 2 tr in same st as beg ch-4, yo, draw through all lps on hook.

Treble crochet cluster (tr cl): Keeping last lp of each st on hook, 3 tr in same st, yo, draw through all lps on hook.

Double treble crochet decrease (dtr dec): Keeping last lp of each st on hook, dtr in indicated ch-4 sp, dtr in next ch-4 sp, yo, draw through all lps on hook.

BLANKET

First Square

Rnd 1 (RS): With yellow, ch 4, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* in 4th ch from hook to form ring, **ch 2** *(see Pattern Notes)*, 15 hdc in ring, join in 2nd ch of beg ch-2. Fasten off. *(16 hdc)*

Rnd 2: Join white with sc in any hdc, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, ch 5, *sc in each of next 2 sts, ch 5, rep from * 8 times, join in beg sc. *(8 ch-5 sps)*

Rnd 3: Sl st in next sc, ch 1, sc in same st as beg ch-1, *(sc, hdc, 2 dc, **3-dc cl**—*see Special Stitches*, 2 dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-5 sp, sk next sc**, sc in next st, rep from * 8 times, ending last rep at **, join in beg sc. Fasten off. *(8 petals)*

Rnd 4: Join green with sc in tip of any petal *(top of any 3-dc cl)*, ch 5, *sc in tip of next petal, ch 5, rep from * 8 times, join in beg sc. *(8 ch-5 sps)*

Rnd 5: Sl st in first ch-5 sp, ch 1, (4 sc, ch 3, 4 sc) in same ch-5 sp as beg ch-1 and in each rem ch-5 sp around, join in beg sc. *(8 ch-3 sps, 32 sc)*

Rnd 6: Sl st in first ch-3 sp, (**beg tr cl**—*see Special Stitches*, ch 5, **tr cl**—*see Special Stitches)* in same sp as beg sl st, ch 4, sc between next two 4-sc groups, ch 4, *(tr cl, ch 5, tr cl) in next ch-3 sp, ch 4, sc between next two 4-sc groups, ch 4, rep from * around, join in top of beg tr cl. Fasten off. *(16 cl, 8 ch-5 sps,16 ch-4 sps)*

Rnd 7: Join white with sc in any ch-5 sp, ch 4 *(counts as first tr)*, (3 tr, ch 2, 4 tr) in same sp as beg ch-4 *(beg corner group made)*, *[2 tr in next ch-4 sp, **dtr dec** *(see Special Stitches)* in same ch-4 lp as 2nd dtr], 5 sc in next ch-5 lp, rep between [ ] once**, in next ch-5 lp work corner group of (4 tr, ch 2, 4 tr), rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 4th ch of beg ch-4.

Rnd 8: Sl st to corner ch-2 sp, ch 3 *(counts as first dc)*, work (3 dc, ch 1, 4 dc) in same sp, *sk next 3 sts, [(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next st, sk next 3 sts] 5 times**, in next corner ch-2 sp work (4 dc, ch 1, 4 dc), rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off.

2nd & Remaining Squares

Rnds 1–7: Rep rnds 1–7 of First Square.

Rnd 8: Work same as for First Square, except that on joining side(s) work each ch-1 as a sl st in the corresponding ch-1 sp on adjacent square to join.

ASSEMBLY

Make and join a total of 30 squares in 5 rows of 6 squares each.

BORDER

Rnd 1: With RS facing, join white in any corner ch-1 sp of rnd 8, ch 3 *(counts as first dc)*, in same sp work (dc, ch 2, 2 dc), *ch 1, sk next 3 dc, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next dc, ch 1, [(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] twice, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next 3 dc, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next dc, ch 1, sk next 2 dc, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner ch-1 joining of Squares, rep from * across to next corner of afghan**, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off.

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Baby Comforts

BABY'S BAUBLES

Circles of popcorns create plush, dimensional flowers in this sweet baby afghan. Made in white as shown, this design would make a beautiful christening blanket.

DESIGN BY KATHERINE ENG

BABY COMFORTS

SKILL LEVEL

INTERMEDIATE

FINISHED SIZE

30½ x 44½ inches

MATERIALS

- Bulky (chunky) weight brushed yarn: 28 oz/870 yds/822g white
- Size H/8/5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle

GAUGE

Rnds 1 and 2 of Square = 3 inches across

Square = 7 inches across

PATTERN NOTES

Chain-3 at beginning of row or round counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

Join with slip stitch as indicated unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Beginning popcorn (beg pc): Ch 3, 3 dc as indicated in instructions, drop lp from hook, insert hook in top of beg ch-3, pull dropped lp through.

Popcorn (pc): 4 dc as indicated in instructions, drop lp from hook, insert hook in top of first dc of group, pull dropped lp through.

AFGHAN

Square

Make 24.

Rnd 1: Ch 4, sl st in first ch to form ring, **ch 3** *(see Pattern Notes)*, 15 dc in ring, **join** *(see Pattern Notes)* in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. *(16 dc)*

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in first st, ch 1, [sc in next st, ch 1] around, join in beg sc. *(16 ch-1 sps)*

Rnd 3: Sl st in next ch sp, **beg pc** *(see Special Stitches)*, ch 3, [**pc** *(see Special Stitches)* in next ch sp, ch 3] around, join in top of beg pc.

Rnd 4: Sl st in next ch sp, ch 1, 3 sc in same ch sp, [ch 1, 3 sc in next ch sp] around, join with sc in beg sc. *(48 sc, 16 ch-1 sps)*

Rnd 5: Ch 7 *(counts as first tr and ch-3)*, **fptr** *(see Stitch Guide)* around joining sc, *ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch sp, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch sp, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, hdc in next ch sp, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**, (tr, ch 3, tr) in next ch sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 4th ch of beg ch-7.

Rnd 6: Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, (2 sc, ch 3, 2 sc) in same ch sp, ch 1, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 8 times, *(2 sc, ch 3, 2 sc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, [sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 8 times, rep from * around, join in beg sc. Fasten off. *(48 sc, 36 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-3 sps)*

Holding Squares with WS tog, matching sts, with white, sew tog through **back lps** *(see Stitch Guide)* in 4 rows of 6 Squares each.

Border

Rnd 1: Now working in rnds around entire outer edge, join with sc in any corner ch-3 sp, ch 3, sc in same ch sp, sc in each st, sc in each ch-1 sp, sc in each ch sp on each side

of seams and sc in each seam around with (sc, ch 3, sc) in each corner ch-3 sp, join in beg sc, **turn**. *(95 sc across each short end between corner ch-3 sps, 143 sc across each long edge between corner ch-3 sps)*

Rnd 2: Sl st in next st, ch 1, sc in same st, *ch 1, sk next st, [sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st] across to next corner ch-3 sp, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next corner ch-3 sp, rep from * around, join in beg sc, turn. *(49 sc across each short end between corner ch-3 sps, 73 sc across each long edge between corner ch-3 sps)*

Rnd 3: Ch 3, 2 dc in same st, sc in next sc, 5 dc in next corner ch-3 sp, sc in next sc, *[3 dc in next sc, sc in next sc] across** to next corner ch-3 sp, 5 dc in next corner ch-3 sp, sc in next sc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off. **C!**

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HEIRLOOM TREASURES

REGENCY SQUARE

Elaborate blocks of gorgeous pineapples give vintage charm to this lacy afghan. Whether your decor is contemporary or classic, this pretty design will accent your living space with gracious style.

DESIGN BY MAGGIE WELDON

SKILL LEVEL

EXPERIENCED

FINISHED SIZE

50 x 73 inches

MATERIALS

- Medium (worsted) weight yarn: 46 oz/2,300 yds/1,304g green
- Size I/9/5.5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle

GAUGE

Rnds 1 and 2 = 3 inches

Square = 23 inches square

PATTERN NOTES

Afghan may ruffle until blocked. Chain-3 at beginning of row or round counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

Chain-4 at beginning of row or round counts as first double crochet and chain-1 unless otherwise stated.

Join with slip stitch as indicated unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Beginning shell (beg shell): Ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same ch sp.

Shell: (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) as indicated in instructions.

Beginning double shell (beg double shell): Ch 3, (2 dc, {ch 2, 3 dc} twice) in same ch sp.

Double shell: (3 dc, {ch 2, 3 dc} twice) as indicated in instructions.

V-stitch (V-st): (Dc, ch 2, dc) as indicated in instructions.

AFGHAN

Block

Make 6.

Rnd 1: Ch 4, sl st in first ch to form ring, **ch 4** *(see Pattern Notes)*, [dc in ring, ch 1] 7 times, join *(see Pattern Notes)* in 3rd ch of beg ch-4. *(8 dc, 8 ch sps)*

Rnd 2: Sl st in first ch sp, **ch 3** *(see Pattern Notes)*, 2 dc in same ch sp, ch 2, [3 dc in next ch sp, ch 2] around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 3: Sl st in each of next 2 sts, sl st in next ch sp, **beg shell** *(see Special Stitches)*, ch 1, sc in next ch sp, ch 1, [**shell** *(see Special Stitches)* in next ch sp, ch 1, sc in next ch sp, ch 1] around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. *(4 shells, 4 sc)*

Rnd 4: Sl st in each of next 2 sts, sl st in next ch sp, beg shell, ch 1, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next sc, ch 1, [shell in ch sp of next shell, ch 1, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next sc, ch 1] around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 5: Sl st in each of next 2 sts, sl st in next ch sp, beg shell, *ch 2, sk next ch-1 sp, 10 dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, sk next ch-1 sp**, shell in next shell, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 6: Sl st in each of next 2 sts, sl st in next ch sp, beg shell, *ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc, [ch 1, dc in next dc] 9 times, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp**, shell in next shell, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 7: Sl st in each of next 2 sts, sl st in next ch sp, **beg double shell** *(see Special Stitches)*,

*ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next ch-1 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-1 sp] 8 times, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp**, **double shell** *(see Special Stitches)* in next shell, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 8: Sl st in each of next 2 sts, sl st in next ch sp, beg shell, *ch 3, shell in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next ch-3 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] 7 times, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp**, shell in first ch sp of next double shell, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 9: Sl st in each of next 2 sts, sl st in next ch sp, beg shell, *ch 2, tr in 2nd ch of next ch-3 sp, [ch 1, tr in same ch] 4 times, ch 2, shell in next shell, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next ch-3 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] 6 times, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp**, shell in next shell, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 10: Sl st in each of next 2 sts, sl st in next ch sp, beg shell, *ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next ch-1 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-1 sp] 3 times, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp, shell in next shell, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next ch-3 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] 5 times, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp**, shell in next shell, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 11: Sl st in each of next 2 sts, sl st in next ch sp, beg double shell, *ch 5, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next ch-3 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] twice, ch 5, sk next ch-2 sp, double shell in next shell, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next ch-3 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] 4 times, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp**, double shell in next shell, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 12: Sl st in each of next 2 sts, sl st in next ch sp, beg shell in same ch sp as last sl st, *ch 3, shell in next ch-2 sp, ch 5, sk next ch-5 sp, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 5, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 5, sk next ch-5 sp, shell in next ch-2 sp, ch 3, shell in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next ch-3 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] 3 times, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp**, shell in first ch sp of next double shell, rep from * around, ending with last rep at **, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 13: Sl st in each of next 2 sts, sl st in next ch sp, beg shell, *◊ch 3, (dc, ch 3, dc) in 2nd ch of next ch-3 sp, ch 3, shell in next shell◊, ch 5, sk next ch-5 sp, (sc, ch 5, sc) in next ch-5 sp, ch 5, sk next ch-5 sp, shell in next shell, rep between ◊, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next ch-3 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] twice, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp**, shell in next shell, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 14: Sl st in each of next 2 sts, sl st in next ch sp, beg shell, *◊ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in next shell◊, ch 5, sk next ch-5 sp, (tr, ch 7, tr) in next ch-5 sp, ch 5, sk next ch-5 sp, shell in next shell, rep between ◊, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp**, shell in next shell, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 15: Sl st in each of next 2 sts, sl st in next ch sp, beg shell, *[ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in next shell] twice, ch 3, sk next ch-5 sp, double shell in next ch-7 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-5 sp, shell in next shell, [ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in next shell] twice, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp**, shell in next shell, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 16: Sl st in each of next 2 sts, sl st in next ch sp, beg shell, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, [shell in next shell, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp] twice, *(3 dc, ch 5, 3 dc) in first ch sp of next double shell, ch 7, (3 dc, ch 5, 3 dc) in 2nd ch sp of same shell, [ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in next shell] 3 times, ch 3, sk next 2 ch-3 sps**, [shell in next shell, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp] 3 times, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 17: Sl st in each of next 2 sts, sl st in next ch sp, beg shell, ch 3, [shell in next shell, ch 3] twice, *sk next ch-3 sp, shell in next ch-5 sp, ch 3, (3 tr, ch 5, 3 tr) in next ch-7 sp, ch 3, shell in next ch-5 sp, ch 3**, [shell in next shell, ch 3] 6 times, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, [shell in next shell, ch 3] 3 times, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 18: Sl st in each of next 2 sts, sl st in next ch sp, ch 3, 2 dc in same ch sp, 4 tr in next ch-3 sp, [3 dc in next shell, 4 tr in next ch-3 sp] 3 times, (4 tr, ch 3, 4 tr) in next ch-5 sp, *4 tr in next ch-3 sp, [3 dc in next shell, 4 tr in next ch-3 sp] 8 times, (4 tr, ch 3, 4 tr) in next ch-5 sp, rep from * twice, 4 tr in next ch-3 sp, [3 dc in next shell, 4 tr in next ch-3 sp] 4 times, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off. *(68 sts across each side between corner ch-3 sps)*

Assembly

Holding Squares WS tog, matching sts, sew tog through **back lps** *(see Stitch Guide)* in 2 rows of 3 Squares each.

Border

Rnd 1: Working around entire outer edge of Afghan, with RS facing, join in corner ch sp before 1 short end, ch 3, (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same ch sp, dc in each st and each ch sp on each side of seams around with (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in each corner ch sp, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. *(142 dc across each short end between corner ch sps, 212 dc across each long edge between corner ch sps)*

Rnd 2: Sl st in next st, sl st in next ch sp, ch 7, dc in same ch sp, *sk next st, [**V-st** *(see Special Stitches)* in next st, sk next 2 sts] across to next corner ch sp, (dc, ch 4, dc) in next ch sp, sk next 2 sts, [V-st in next st, sk next 2 sts] across to next corner ch sp*, (dc, ch 4, dc) in next ch sp, rep between * once, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-7.

Rnd 3: Sl st in first corner ch sp, ch 3, 6 dc in same ch sp, *sl st in sp between next 2 dc, [5 dc in next ch sp, sl st in sp between next 2 dc] across to next corner ch sp**, 7 dc in next ch sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off.

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LOVE KNOT SQUARES

The charming pattern of this design is created with the old-time love-knot technique that forms the lacy, snowflake-like motifs. Its delicate beauty will add a touch of elegance to any room.

DESIGN BY SUSIE MAXFIELD

HEIRLOOM TREASURES

SKILL LEVEL

INTERMEDIATE

FINISHED SIZE

50 x 60 inches

MATERIALS

• TLC Baby Amore medium (worsted) weight yarn (5 oz/279 yds/140g per skein): 11 skeins #9001 white
• Sizes F/5/3.75mm and H/8/5mm crochet hooks or size needed to obtain gauge
• Tapestry needle

GAUGE

Square = 5 inches square

PATTERN NOTES

Use size F hook throughout unless otherwise stated.

Chain-3 at beginning of row or round counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

Join with slip stitch as indicated unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Double love knot: Pull up long lp on hook to measure 3/4 inch, yo, pull through lp, sc in back strand of long lp, pull up long lp, yo, pull through lp, sc in back strand of long lp (*see illustration*).

Love knot: Pull up long lp on hook to measure 3/4 inch, yo, pull through lp, sc in back strand of long lp (*see Steps 1–3 of illustration*).

AFGHAN

Square

Make 120.

Rnd 1: Ch 5, sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, [sc in ring, **double love knot** (*see Special Stitches*)] 8 times, **join** (*see Pattern Notes*) in beg sc. Fasten off. (*8 double love knots*)

Rnd 2: Join with sc in center sc of first double love knot (*see Step 3 of illustration*), double love knot, [sc in center sc of next double love knot, double love knot] around, join in beg sc.

Rnd 3: Ch 3 (*see Pattern Notes*), double love knot, *sk next double love knot, dc in next sc, double love knot, **love knot** (*see Special Stitches*), sk next double love knot**, dc in next sc, double love knot, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch3. (*20 lps*)

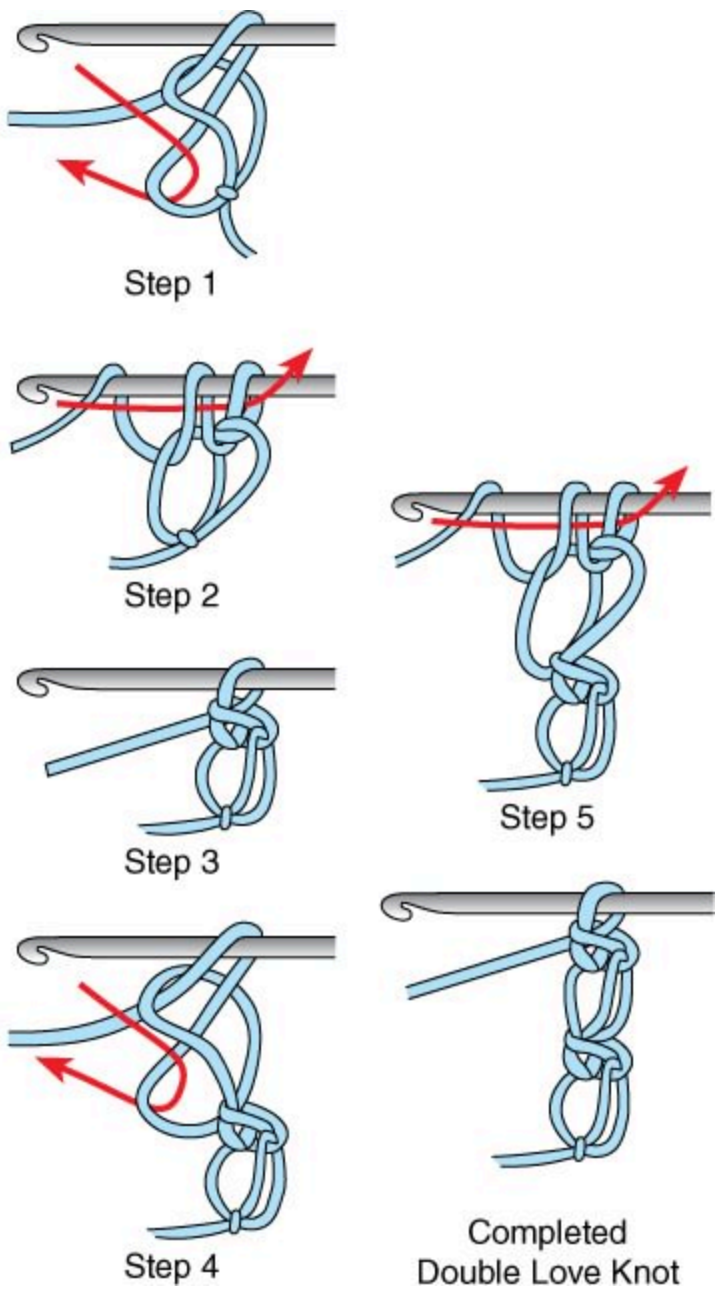
Rnd 4: Working in lps of double love knots and love knots, (sl st, ch 3, 2 dc) in first lp, 3 dc in each of next 3 lps, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next lp (*corner*), *3 dc in each of next 4 lps, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next lp (*corner*), rep from * around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off.

Assembly

Sew Squares tog in 12 rows of 10 Squares each.

Trim

Working around entire outer edge, with size H hook, join with sc in any corner ch sp, (hdc, sc) in same ch sp, sc in each st and in each seam around with (sc, hdc, sc) in each corner ch sp, join in beg sc. Fasten off.



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HEIRLOOM TREASURES

PINWHEEL LACE

Display grand eloquence with this light, airy afghan made with lacy hexagon motifs that are joined as they are made.

DESIGN BY MAGGIE WELDON

SKILL LEVEL

FINISHED SIZE

49½ x 72½ inches

MATERIALS

- Medium (worsted) weight yarn: 24 oz/1,200 yds/680g each white and sage
- Size I/9/5.5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge

GAUGE

Rnds 1–3 of Motif = 41/2 inches.

Each Motif is 8 inches across.

PATTERN NOTES

Chain-3 at beginning of row or round counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

Join with slip stitch as indicated unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCH

Picot: Ch 4, sl st in 3rd ch from hook, ch 1.

AFGHAN

First Motif

Rnd 1: With white, ch 3, sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, sc in ring, [ch 5, sc in ring] 5 times, ch 2, join with dc in beg sc forming last ch sp. (*6 ch-5 sps*)

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc around joining dc, ch 5, [sc in next ch sp, ch 5] around, **join** (*see Pattern Notes*) in beg sc.

Rnd 3: Sl st in next ch sp, **ch 3** (*see Pattern Notes*), (5 dc, 2 tr, ch 4, sc) in same ch sp, (6 dc, 2 tr, ch 4, sc) in each of next 4 ch sps, (6 dc, 3 tr) in last ch sp, **do not join**. (*54 sts, 5 ch-4 sps*)

Rnd 4: Ch 5, sk next 2 sts, *[sc in next st, ch 5, sk next 2 sts] twice, sc in top of ch-4, ch 5, sk next 3 sts, rep from * 4 times, sc in next st, ch 5, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, join with dc in last st forming last ch sp. (*18 ch sps*)

Rnd 5: Ch 1, sc around joining dc, ch 6, [sc in next ch sp, ch 6] around, join in beg sc. Fasten off.

Rnd 6: Join sage in any ch sp, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same ch sp, 3 dc in next ch sp, 2 dc in next ch sp, [(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch sp, 3 dc in next ch sp, 2 dc in next ch sp] around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. (*66 dc, 6 ch-2 sps*)

Rnd 7: Sl st in next st, ch 1, sc in same st, ch 3, sk next st, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch sp, *ch 3, sk next st, [sc in next st, ch 3, sk next st] 5 times, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch sp, rep from * 4 times, ch 3, sk next st, [sc in next st, ch 3, sk next st] 4 times, join in beg sc. Fasten off. (*42 ch-3 sps*)

1-Side Joined Motif

Rnds 1–6: Rep rnds 1–6 of First Motif.

Rnd 7: Sl st in next st, ch 1, sc in same st, ch 3, sk next st, joining to next Motif (*see Joining Diagram*), sc in next ch sp, ch 1, sl st in 2nd ch of corresponding ch sp on other Motif, ch 1, sc in same ch sp on this Motif, ch 1, sl st in 2nd ch of next ch-3 sp on other Motif, ch 1, sk next st on this Motif, [sc in next st, ch 1, sl st in 2nd ch of next ch-3 sp on other Motif, ch 1, sk next st on this Motif] 5 times, sc in next ch sp, ch 1, sl st in 2nd ch of next ch-3 sp on other Motif, ch 1, sc in same sp on this Motif, *ch 3, sk next st, [sc in next st, ch 3, sk next st] 5 times, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch sp, rep from * 3 times, ch 3, sk next st, [sc in next st, ch 3, sk next st] 4 times, join in beg sc. Fasten off.

2-Side Joined Motif

Rnds 1–6: Rep rnds 1–6 of First Motif.

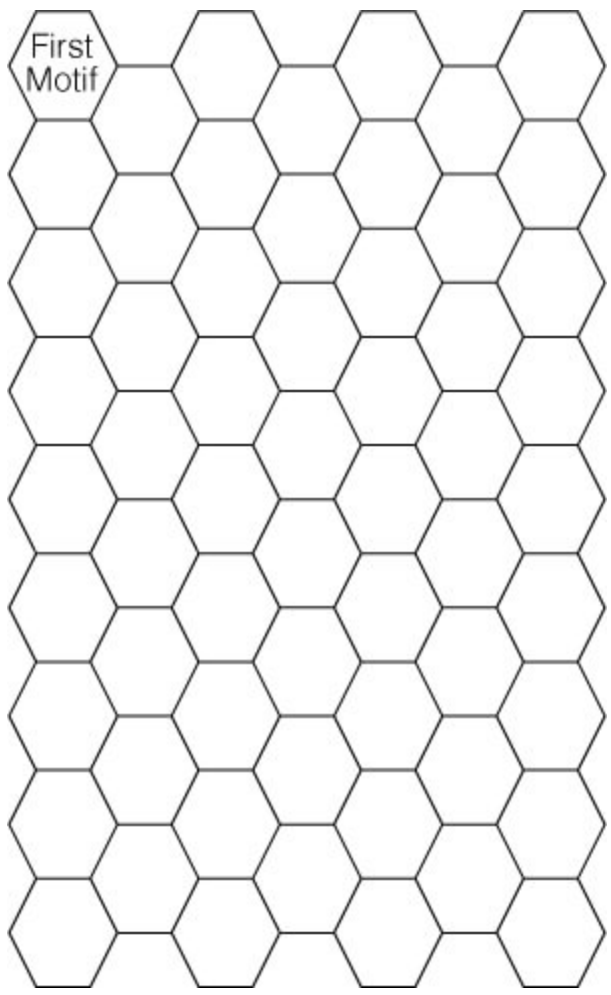
Rnd 7: Sl st in next st, ch 1, sc in same st, ch 3, sk next st, joining to next Motif (*see Joining Diagram*), sc in next ch sp, ch 1, sl st in 2nd ch of corresponding ch sp on other Motif, ch 1, sc in same ch sp on this Motif, *ch 1, sl st in 2nd ch of next ch-3 sp on other Motif, ch 1, sk next st on this Motif, [sc in next st, ch 1, sl st in 2nd ch of next

ch-3 sp on other Motif, ch 1, sk next st on this Motif] 5 times*, sc in next ch sp, ch 1, sl st in joining sl st between Motifs, ch 1, sc in same ch sp on this Motif, joining to next Motif, rep between *, sc in next ch sp, ch 1, sl st in 2nd ch of next ch sp on other Motif, ch 1, sc in same ch sp on this Motif, **ch 3, sk next st, [sc in next st, ch 3, sk next st] 5 times, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch sp, rep from ** twice, ch 3, sk next st, [sc in next st, ch 3, sk next st] 4 times, join in beg sc. Fasten off.

3-Side Joined Motif

Rnds 1–6: Rep rnds 1–6 of First Motif.

Rnd 7: Sl st in next st, ch 1, sc in same st, ch 3, sk next st, joining to next Motif (*see Joining Diagram*), sc in next ch sp, ch 1, sl st in 2nd ch of corresponding ch sp on other Motif, ch 1, sc in same ch sp on this Motif, *◊ch 1, sl st in 2nd ch of next ch-3 sp on other Motif, ch 1, sk next st on this Motif, [sc in next st, ch 1, sl st in 2nd ch of next ch-3 sp on other Motif, ch 1, sk next st on this Motif] 5 times◊, sc in next ch sp, ch 1, sl st in joining sl st between Motifs, ch 1, sc in same ch sp on this Motif*, joining to next Motif, rep between **, joining to next Motif, rep between ◊, sc in next ch sp, ch 1, sl st in 2nd ch of next ch sp on other Motif, ch 1, sc in same sp on this Motif, **ch 3, sk next st, [sc in next st, ch 3, sk next st] 5 times, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch sp, rep from **, ch 3, sk next st, [sc in next st, ch 3, sk next st] 4 times, join in beg sc. Fasten off.



Work and join Motifs according to Joining Diagram.

Edging

Join sage with sl st in any corner ch sp, **picot** (*see Special Stitch*), sl st in same ch sp, picot, sk each joined ch sp before and after joining sl sts, [sl st in next ch sp or joining sl st between Motifs, picot] across to next corner ch sp, *(sl st, picot, sl st) in next corner ch sp, picot, [sl st in next ch sp or joining sl st between Motifs, picot] across to next corner ch sp, rep from * around, join in beg sl st. Fasten off. ■

HEIRLOOM TREASURES

HOSPITALITY GARDEN

The daisies sprinkled over this throw bring to mind freshly picked blossoms scattered in a garden. Soft yellow flowers contrast beautifully with a snowy white background edged with

delicate pineapple lace.

DESIGN BY MAGGIE WELDON

SKILL LEVEL

INTERMEDIATE

FINISHED SIZE

47 x 67 inches

MATERIALS

• Medium (worsted) weight yarn: 53 oz/2,650 yds/1,503g white 31/2 oz/175 yds/99g each yellow and green
• Size I/9/5.5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
• Tapestry needle

GAUGE

Block = 5 inches square

PATTERN NOTES

Chain-3 at beginning of row or round counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated. Join with slip stitch as indicated unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Beginning double shell (beg double shell): Ch 3, (dc, {ch 2, 2 dc} twice) in same ch sp.

Double shell: (2 dc, {ch 2, 2 dc} twice) as indicated in instructions.

Beginning shell (beg shell): Ch 3, (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same place.

Shell: (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) as indicated in instructions.

AFGHAN

Plain Block

Make 38.

Rnd 1: With white, ch 4, sl st in first ch to form ring, **ch 3** (*see Pattern Notes*), 2 dc in ring, ch 2, [3 dc in ring, ch 2] 3 times, **join** (*see Pattern Notes*) in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. (*12 dc, 4 ch sps*)

Rnd 2: Sl st in each of next 2 sts, sl st in next ch sp, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same ch sp, ch 1, [(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch sp, ch 1] around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. (*24 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 4 ch-1 sps*)

Rnd 3: Sl st in each of next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same ch sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, [(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 4: Sl st in each of next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same ch sp, ch 1, [3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] twice, *(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, [3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] twice, rep from * around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off.

Daisy Block

Make 39.

Rnd 1: With white, ch 2, 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook, join in beg sc. Fasten off. (8 sc)

Rnd 2: For petals, join yellow in first st, (ch 3, tr, ch 3, sl st) in same st, (sl st, ch 3, tr, ch 3, sl st) in each st around, join in beg sl st. (*8 petals*)

Rnd 3: Working behind petals, ch 4, sk next petal, [sl st in next sp between petals, ch 4, sk next petal] around, join in joining sl st of last rnd. Fasten off. (*4 ch sps*)

Rnd 4: Join green in first ch sp, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same ch sp, ch 1, [(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch sp, ch 1] around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off. (*24 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 4 ch-1 sps*)

Rnd 5: Join white in first ch-2 sp, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same ch sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, [(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 6: Rep rnd 4 of Plain Block.

Assembly

Referring to Assembly Diagram on page 138 and holding Blocks WS tog, matching sts, sew tog through **back lps** (*see Stitch Guide*), alternating Blocks in 11 rows of 7 Blocks.

Border

Rnd 1: Working around entire outer edge, join in corner ch sp before 1 short end, **beg double shell** (*see Special Stitches*), *ch 4, sk next ch-1 sp, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 4, sk next ch-1 sp, [**shell** (*see Special Stitches*) in next seam, ch 4, sk next ch-1 sp, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 4, sk next ch-1 sp] across to next corner ch-2 sp**, **double shell** (*see Special Stitches*) in next ch-2 sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 2: Sl st in next st, sl st in next ch sp, **beg shell** (*see Special Stitches*), *ch 3, shell in next ch sp, ch 3, sk next ch sp, 6 dc in next ch sp, ch 3, sk next ch sp, [shell in ch sp of next shell, ch 3, sk next ch sp, 6 dc in next ch sp, ch 3, sk next ch sp] across to next double shell**, shell in next ch sp, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 3: Sl st in next st, sl st in next ch sp, beg shell, **ch 3, (dc, ch 5, dc) in next ch sp, ch 3, shell in next shell,*◊ch 3, sk next ch sp, sc in next dc, [ch 3, sc in next dc] 5 times, ch 3, sk next ch sp◊, shell in next shell*, rep between * 6 times, ch 3, (dc, ch 5, dc) in next ch sp, ch 3, shell in next shell**, rep between * 11 times, rep between **, rep between * 10 times, rep between ◊, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 4: Sl st in next st, sl st in next ch sp, beg shell, ◊ch 3, sk next ch sp, 6 dc in next ch sp, ch 3, sk next ch sp, shell in next shell, *ch 3, sk next ch sp, sc in next ch sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch sp] 4 times, ch 3, sk next ch sp, shell in next shell*, rep between * 6 times, ch 3, sk next ch sp, 6 dc in next ch sp, ch 3, sk next ch sp, shell in next shell◊, rep between * 11 times, rep between ◊, rep between * 10 times, ch 3, sk next ch sp, sc in next ch sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch sp] 4 times, ch 3, sk next ch sp, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 5: Sl st in next st, sl st in next ch sp, beg shell, ◊ch 3, sk next ch sp, sc in next dc, [ch 3, sc in next dc] 5 times, ch 3, sk next ch sp, shell in next shell, *ch 3, sk next ch sp, sc in next ch sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch sp] 3 times, ch 3, sk next ch sp, shell in next shell*, rep between * 6 times, ch 3, sk next ch sp, sc in next dc, [ch 3, sc in next dc] 5 times, ch 3, sk next ch sp, shell in next shell◊, rep between * 11 times, rep between ◊ once, rep between * 10 times, ch 3, sk next ch sp, sc in next ch sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch sp] 3 times, ch 3, sk next ch sp, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 6: Sl st in next st, sl st in next ch sp, beg double shell, ◊ch 3, sk next ch sp, sc in next ch sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch sp] 4 times, ch 3, sk next ch sp, double shell in next shell, *ch 3, sk next ch sp, sc in next ch sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch sp] twice, ch 3, sk next ch sp, double shell in next shell*, rep between * 6 times, ch 3, sk next ch sp, sc in next ch sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch sp] 4 times, ch 3, sk next ch sp, double shell in next shell◊, rep between * 11 times, rep between ◊ once, rep between * 10 times, ch 3, sk next ch sp, sc in next ch sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch sp] twice, ch 3, sk next ch sp, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

First Side Point

Row 7: Now working in rows, sl st in next st, sl st in next ch sp, **turn**, beg shell, ch 3, sk next ch sp, sc in next ch sp, ch 3, sc in next ch sp, ch 3, sk next ch sp, shell in first ch sp of next double shell leaving rem sts and ch sps unworked, turn. *(3 ch sps, 2 shells)*

Row 8: Sl st in next st, sl st in next ch sp, beg shell, ch 3, sk next ch sp, sc in next ch sp, ch 3, sk next ch sp, shell in last shell, turn.

Row 9: Sl st in next st, sl st in next ch sp, beg shell, sk next 2 ch sps, shell in last shell, turn.

Row 10: Sl st in next st, sl st in next ch sp, sl st in each of next 2 sts, sl st in next sp between shells, beg shell, turn. Fasten off.

Next Side Point

Row 7: Join in 2nd ch sp of same double shell on rnd 6, beg shell, ch 3, sk next ch sp, sc in next ch sp, ch 3, sc in next ch sp, ch 3, sk next ch sp, shell in first ch sp of next double shell leaving rem sts and ch sps unworked, turn.

Rows 8–10: Rep rows 8–10 of First Side Point.

Rep Next Side Point 9 times.

Corner Point

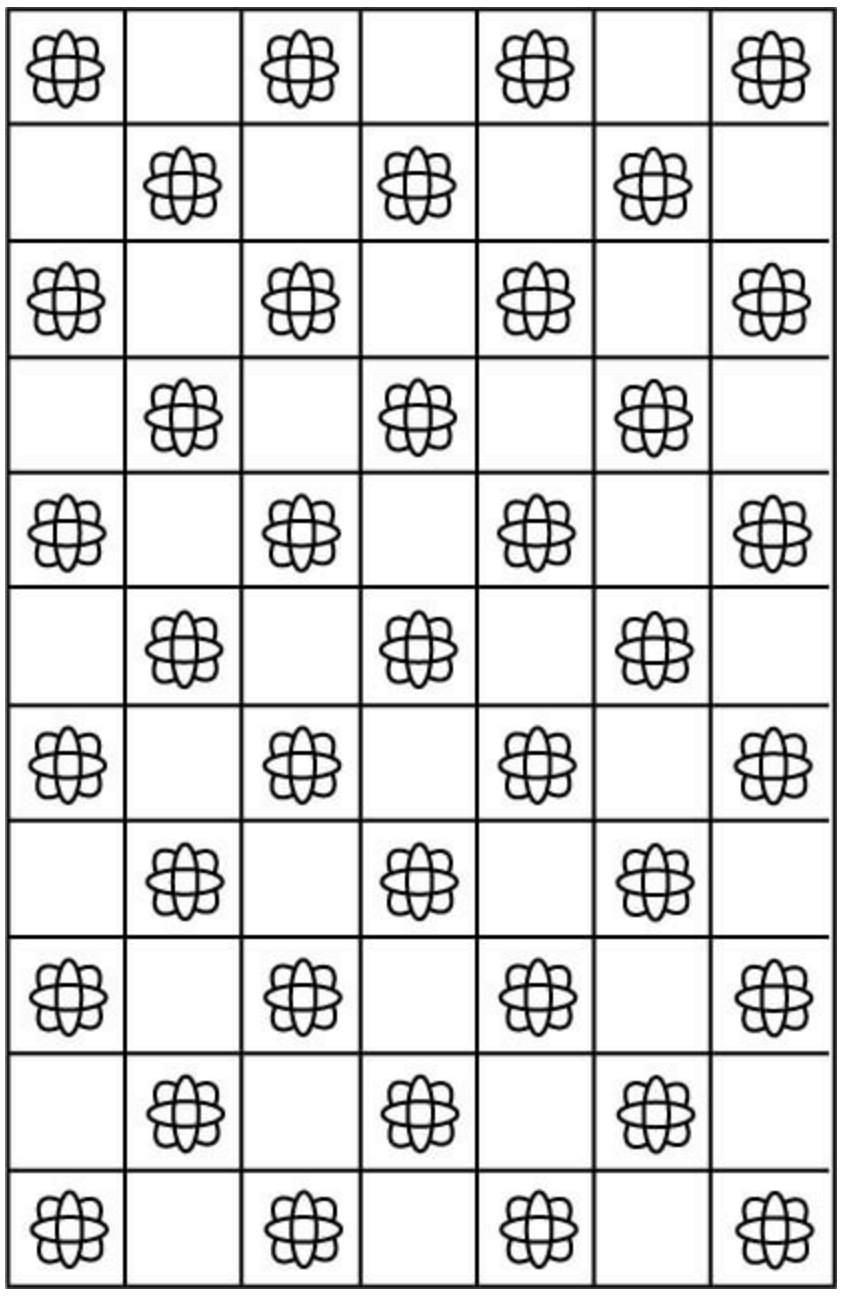
Row 7: Join in 2nd ch sp of same double shell on rnd 6, beg shell, ch 3, sk next ch sp, sc in next ch sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch sp] 3 times, ch 3, sk next ch sp, shell in first ch sp of next double shell leaving rem sts and ch sps unworked, turn. *(5 ch sps, 2 shells)*

Row 8: Sl st in next st, sl st in next ch sp, beg shell, ch 3, sk next ch sp, sc in next ch sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch sp] twice, ch 3, sk next ch sp, shell in last shell, turn.

Row 9: Sl st in next st, sl st in next ch sp, beg shell, ch 3, sk next ch sp, sc in next ch sp, ch 3, sc in next ch sp, ch 3, sk next ch sp, shell in last shell, turn.

Rows 10–12: Rep rows 8–10 of First Side Point.

Rep Next Side Point 7 times, rep Corner Point once, rep Next Side Point 11 times, rep Corner Point once, rep Next Side Point 7 times, rep Corner Point once.



Heirloom Treasures

PEARLS & LACE

Different openwork patterns on the body and border of this elegant throw create a symphony of beautiful lacework. Pearls around the edges and flowers at the corners add a romantic touch.

DESIGN BY RHONDA DODDS

HEIRLOOM TREASURES

SKILL LEVEL

FINISHED SIZE

53 × 56 inches

MATERIALS

• Red Heart Super Saver medium (worsted) weight yarn (7 oz/364 yds/198g per skein): 7 skeins #0334 buff 2 skeins #0316 soft white
• Brown Sheep Lamb's Pride medium (worsted) weight yarn (4 oz/190 yds/113g per skein): 1 skein #M69 old sage
• Sizes H/8/5mm and J/10/6mm crochet hooks or size needed to obtain gauge
• Tapestry needle
• Sewing needle
• 6mm white pearls: 472
• Dark sewing thread
• Stitch markers

GAUGE

Size H hook: [Sk next 2 chs, V-st in next ch] 3 times = 4 inches; 4 rows = 3 inches

PATTERN NOTES

Chain-3 at beginning of row counts as double crochet unless otherwise stated.

Join with slip stitch as indicated unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCHES

V-stitch (V-st): (Dc, ch 2, dc) as indicated in instructions.

Double V-stitch (double V-st): (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) as indicated in instructions.

Bead single crochet (bead sc): Insert hook as indicated in instructions, yo, pull through, slide bead up to hook, yo, pull through all lps on hook.

AFGHAN

Body

Row 1 (WS): With size J hook and buff, ch 124, change to size H hook, **V-st** (*see Special Stitches*) in 5th ch from hook (*first 4 chs count as first dc and first sk ch*), [sk next 2 chs, V-st in next ch] across to last 2 chs, sk next ch, dc in last ch, turn. (*40 V-sts, 2 dc*)

Row 2 (RS): Ch 3 (*see Pattern Notes*), **double V-st** (*see Special Stitches*) in ch-2 sp of each V-st across, dc in last st, turn. (*40 double V-sts*)

Row 3: Ch 3, V-st in ch-2 sp of each double V-st across, dc in last st, turn.

Row 4: Ch 3, double V-st in ch-2 sp of each V-st across, dc in last st, turn. (*40 double V-sts*)

Rows 5–74: [Rep rows 3 and 4 alternately] 35 times.

Row 75: Rep row 3. **Do not fasten off**.

Edging

Rnd 1 (RS): Now working in rnds, ch 1, 3 sc in first dc, sc in each dc and 2 sc in each ch-2 sp across to last dc, 3 sc in last dc, working across next side in ends of rows, dc in end of row 75, [2 dc in end of next row, dc in end of next row] across, working across next side in starting ch on opposite side of row 1 and in sps formed by sk chs, 3 sc in first ch, [work 2 sc in each ch-2 sp, sc in ch at base of each V-st] across to last ch, 3 sc in last lp, working across next side in ends of rows, dc in end of row 1, [2 dc in end

of next row, dc in end of next row] across to beg sc, **join** (*see Pattern Notes*) in beg sc. Fasten off. (*702 sc*)

Note: *Cut approximately 10-inch length of sewing thread, tie 1 end onto new skein of buff; thread other end into sewing needle to thread pearls onto yarn. Thread pearls onto yarn.*

Rnd 2: With WS facing and size H hook, join buff in any sc, ch 1, **bead sc** (*see Special Stitches*) in same sc, [ch 5, sk next 2 sc, bead sc in next sc] around, join in beg bead sc.

Rnd 3: Sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5, [sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5] around, join in beg sc.

Rnd 4: Bead sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5, [bead sc in next sc, ch 5] around, join in beg bead sc.

Rnd 5: Sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5, [sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5] around, join in beg sc. Fasten off.

Flower

Make 8.

With size J hook and soft white and leaving a 10-inch end, ch 5, sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 1, [sc in ring, ch 5] 34 times, join in beg sc. Leaving a 10-inch end, fasten off.

Assembly

With tapestry needle, weave first 10-inch end in ring and pull tight to close bottom of Flower. Leave end for attaching to Afghan. Weave rem end in top of ring and pull tight to close Flower. Secure end.

Leaf

Make 16.

With size J hook and old sage, ch 6, sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in each of next 2 chs, dc in next ch, 7 dc in last ch, working on opposite side of ch, dc in next ch, hdc in each of next 2 chs, sc in last ch, join in beg sc. Leaving 10-inch end, fasten off.

Finishing

Sew 2 Leaves to back of each Flower.

Sew 2 Flowers to each corner of Afghan. **C!** ■